

Costs and Prices has since worked out a new formula for increasing the price of Coal from time to time.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the price of Coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The previous reported of Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices (BICP) in respect of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited were received in 1987 and 1988 respectively. There-after Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has not yet worked out a new formula for increasing the price of coal from time to time.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration at present to increase the price of coal.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Central Investment in Backward Districts of Kerala**

5597. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Central Investment made in the backward districts of Kerala for the development of industries during 1990-91;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala in this regard for the industrial development of backward districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **DPAP in Orissa**

5598. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has sent a proposal to include the nine blocks of Bolangir district in DPAP and its implementations in Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Government of Orissa has submitted a proposal for inclusion of 10 more blocks of Bolangir district in DPAP.

(b) It has been decided to continue DPAP as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the present coverage.

#### **Appointment to Sports Persons**

5599. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of sports persons given jobs in various departments of the Government during each of the last three years.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): The instructions issued by the Government for appointment of meri-

torious sports persons in Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts are applicable not only to the Departments of the Government but also to their attached, subordinate offices and various field formations. Powers of appointments to these posts vest in the delegated authorities in these organisations. no information/data is centrally available in regard to the appointments made during the last three years.

#### **Energy for Rural Requirements**

**5600. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Advisory Board on Energy for rural requirements in the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the manner in which afforestation plans have been coordinated with rural fuel requirements?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Cost of Sonepur Bazari Project**

**5601. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:** Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the revised estimated cost of Sonepur Bazari Coal Project now as compared to its original estimated cost;

(b) whether the Project is viable with the revised estimated cost;

(c) the opinion of the Work Bank in

regard to viability due to cost escalation; and

(d) the time by which the project is proposed to start supplying power grade coal to linked thermal power station?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDE):** (a) to (c). As compared to the sanctioned cost of Rs. 192.96 crores for Sonepur Bazari OCP of ECL the tentative cost according to the Revised Cost Estimates prepared is Rs. 453.91 crores (1991 prices). The economics calculated in the Revised Cost Estimates indicates that the project is economically viable. The World Bank has indicated that the economic and financial viability Would need to be reviewed by them for which action has been initiated.

(d) Coal supply from Sonepur Bazari project is linked to Bakreshwar TPS (3 x 210 MW). As indicated by Central Electricity Authority, the first unit of Bakreshwar TPS is expected to be commissioned in 1995-96. The coal requirement of this unit would be supplied from Sonepur Bazari project.

#### **Urban Poverty Alleviation Programmes**

**5602. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any evaluation of the urban poverty alleviation programmes has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated urban slum population in the country by the end of 1991; and

(d) the parentage of urban population living below the poverty line?